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**Council members:**

Justin French, President (2020)

Sam Miller (2019)

Stacey Kahre, Vice President (2020)

Terry Perkins (2021)

Pam Loheider, Secretary (2019)

Nancy Tilly (2021)

Virginia Koenig, Treasurer (2021)

Mark Sargent (2022)

Ryan Johanningsmeier (2022)

(Indicates the time that the term is over)

**FROM THE PASTORS STUDY**

Father's Day has come and gone, and now the next holiday will be the Fourth of July, Independence Day. As we prepare to take time off to celebrate this holiday, let us reflect on the price that was paid by many to make this holiday a reality. Lives were lost and blood was spilled in order for us to enjoy the freedom that we often take for granted.

While we take time to celebrate the founding of our nation, let us also take time to remember the freedom we have as believers. Freedom from the wages of sin, freedom from eternity in Hell because of the blood of Christ. Blood that was shed on our behalf, innocent Blood that knew no sin, shed that we might escape the wages of our sins. When we are in a saving relationship with God through His son, Jesus Christ, then and only then, do we have true freedom.

I hope you all have a wonderful Fourth of July.

In His Service,  
Pastor Mike  
James 5:1

## Youth Pastor

What has God called you to? What is your ministry right now in your life? If you can't answer these questions, then you are not living up to your end of the covenant. I know that this sounds harsh, but the truth often is. 1 Peter 2: 9 tells us

*“But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;”*

How are you proclaiming the praises God? Do people around you know that you have been called out of the darkness? Can they see God's marvelous light shining through you?

Let's take it a step further. How can your children and grandchildren see His light in your life? Do you come to church joyfully or begrudgingly? When the offering plate is passed do you see your giving as an act of worship or as an obligation you wish you didn't have? Do they see you serving in the church or just filling a spot on a pew for an hour a week? Do they even see you attending church on a regular basis or is it just something to do when nothing else is going on? Jesus has fulfilled His part of the covenant, are you fulfilling your part?

In His Love  
Pastor Mike

## Guild

Bethel Guild had a salad luncheon for their June meeting. Following the business meeting, we made 4 lap throws for shut-ins. It was a delightful afternoon.

Our July 3 meeting will be lunch at Bobe's in Sullivan. We will leave the church at 10:45. Call Doris Richter at 812-328-2269 or Doris Brocksmith at 812-328-6153 by June 29 so that we can make reservations. Come for an afternoon of fellowship.

Just a reminder – we have all-occasion cards for sale in the Guild Room, plus a lot of good books to read.

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## Basement Bulletin Board schedule for 2018

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July/August – Christian Generations  
September – Preschool  
October/November – Faithful Footprints  
December – Mustard Seed



## America, My Hometown- A Poem by Joseph P. Martino

"When I travel about this great nation, I never cease  
to frown,.... for wherever I seem to land and settle,  
I call.....  
America, my hometown

When I cross the Golden Gate in Frisco Bay, the western  
States,the Rockies and great plains, my heart wells up  
with pride,....from emotions felt deep inside, and my tears  
become so hard to hide.  
America, my hometown.

From the golden shores and shining cities of the west and along the sandy  
shores towns and villages of the GARDEN STATE things still look simply  
great.

all through colonial new england and up to rugged coastline of the great  
State of Maine.  
our peoples' quest and dreams of liberty ,and freedom  
still remain the same.  
for justice,freedom and liberty for all, still ring true today,.....  
just as the liberty bell, in our founders' yesterday.  
America, my hometown.

Along the mighty Mississippi from Minneapolis to  
New Orleans,....our country's morality and  
patriotic spirit is alive and well, just as all our  
other great and noble dreams.  
America,my hometown.

Our founders' vision of liberty and freedom in our country still lives  
on today,throughout our nation in cities,both large and small and  
along main street U.S.A.  
as Lady Liberty stands ever vigilant atop her pedestal on the Bay as our  
founding fathers dream of  
liberty and freedom still live on, to this very day."  
America, my hometown.

**God bless America!!!!**

## Church Auction – September 23<sup>rd</sup>

Once again we look forward to the many creative items donated for our annual Church auction.

We would like to add another challenge for small groups, Sunday School classes, or any other group - **themed baskets** for our auction.

We are excited to see what will be at the auction this year, and of course, we look forward to bidding on previous favorite auction donations!

## Bethel Church Council Minutes

June 11, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Justin French and opened with prayer by Pam Loheider.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Mike reported it has been a quiet month at Bethel. He shared that small groups continue to go well. He conducted a worship service at the Freelandville Community Home. He gave an update on Karen. He takes her back to the doctor on June 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Youth Pastor's Report:** Pastor Mike Leydet reported that most of his time during the last month was spent preparing for VBS held on June 9<sup>th</sup>. There were 74 kids and lots of good helpers in attendance. He heard lots of positive comments and was very pleased with VBS. He has put up the new office signs. He completed another on-line class. The new sound system should be installed within the next two weeks. He has contacted Hendrixson Concrete & Construction about beginning work on the back staircase area.

**Secretary's Report:** Approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** Approved as written.

**Elder's Report:** Pam Loheider reported five visitations were made. The weekly visitations are going well. Please contact a pastor or one of the council members if you would like a home visit.

Communion was served to 105 on May 20<sup>th</sup>, Pentecost Sunday.

Plans are underway for the next "Getting to Know You" gathering.

**Deacon's Report:** Stacey Kahre reported the average attendance for May was 146, and the offering total was \$18,542.53.

**Building and Grounds:** Pastor Mike reported Brandon Spanger can begin work on the office demolition the week of June 18<sup>th</sup>.

Pastor Mike Leydet reported Cort Bilskie has his equipment at the church and will remove the two soft maples as soon as the ground is solid. There is another tree, possibly two, that need removed from the shelter house area, as well.

**Old Business:**

- Ryan Johanningsmeier continues to pursue computer mapping for the cemetery.
- The parsonage roof continues to leak. Pastor Mike Leydet shared quotes from Sure Clean, Wolfe Construction, and Ed Farber Home. Ryan Johanningsmeier suggested getting estimates for metal roofing. Pastor Mike Leydet will get those estimates. There will be a congregational meeting on June 30<sup>th</sup> to vote on a new roof for the parsonage.
- Insurance renewal – Terry Perkins made the motion, seconded by Pam Loheider, to stay with Springer Insurance. Motion passed.
- Work Day is scheduled for Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Projects include removing the windows from the church office building; tearing out the back staircase leading to the social room; disposing of all red-tagged items; and removing items from the preschool playground that are broken. Lunch will be served.
- **New Business:**
  - Shelter House Rental – The current policy states the fee for renting the shelter house is \$25 with half of that money given to the custodial staff. After discussion, Ryan Johanningsmeier made the motion, seconded by

Nancy Tilly, to keep the \$25 fee for church members with all of that fee given to the custodial staff, and to raise the fee to \$75 for nonmembers with \$25 of that fee given to the custodial staff. This would be effective for any new bookings. Motion passed.

- The council will host a cook-out at the shelter house immediately following the worship service on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Upcoming Events:**

June 16 – Work Day beginning at 8:00 a.m. Lunch provided

July 1 – Council hosting cook-out at shelter house

July 9 – Council meeting

### **Parish Records:**

**Births:** Logan and Kenzie Barrett welcomed Maebry Choi Barrett on June 1, 2018. She weighed 8 lbs. 6 oz., and is also welcomed by big sister, Mia.

Mitch and Haley (Resler) Bredthauer welcomed Emmet William Bredthauer on May 30, 2018. He weighed 5 lbs. 13 oz., and was 18 ½ inches long. He is also welcomed by big brother, Charles Mitchell.

**Attendance:**

May 27     148  
 June 3     179  
 June 10    173  
 June 17    173

**Greeters:**

July 1 & 8 – Garland & Lisa Richter  
 July 15 & 22 – Doris Brocksmith/Sharon Dunkerly  
 July 29 & August 5 – Bruce & Terri Miller  
**Ushers:** Bill & Carole Albrecht

**Nursery (Sunday School):**

July     1    Lana Dike/Holly Spanger  
           8    Cheryl Hagemeyer/Lana Dike  
           15   Lana Dike/Cheryl Hagemeyer  
           22   Diane Telligman/Carole Albrecht  
           29   Cheryl Hagemeyer/Carole Albrecht

**Nursery Notes (Worship):**

July     1    Theresia Barrett/Emma Miller  
           8    Jenny Clinkenbeard/Shaylie Phegley  
           15   Hammelman Family  
           22   Brenda Maddox/Natalie Phegley  
           29   Durall family

**Children's Church:**

July     1    Kate & Linda Hammelman/Ryan Johanningsmeier  
           8    Tambria Leonard/Tracey Kahre  
           15   Liberty Lemberg/Bonnie Organ/Janet Clinkenbeard  
           22   Melissa Schroeder/Emily Pirtle/Dale Tiek  
           29   No Children's Church

**July Birthdays:**

8    Beverly Schuckman (88<sup>th</sup>)  
 10   Edgar Hammelman (83<sup>rd</sup>)  
 12   Lois Wampler (91<sup>st</sup>)  
 14   Leroy Pieper (87<sup>th</sup>)  
 24   Joyce Telligman (87<sup>th</sup>)  
 25   Reda Boberg (82<sup>nd</sup>)  
 26   Billie Sager (80<sup>th</sup>)

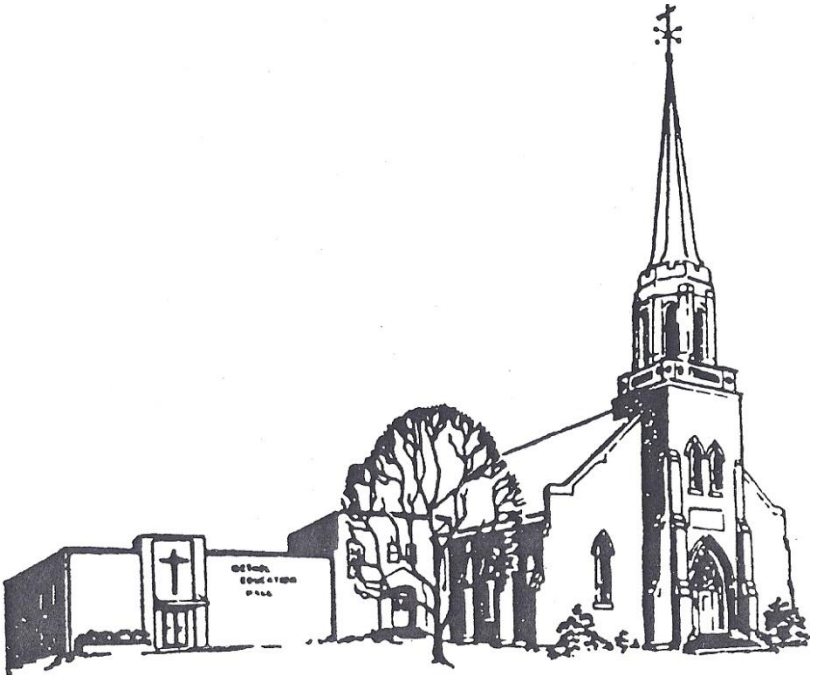
*Chimes news will be due on July 16th.*



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